



Eva Cox and Richard Eckersley on progress

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Eva Cox (social commentator), and Richard Eckersley (researcher on population wellbeing), have questioned how progress is being measured. To read their full articles click on the links below.

Eva Cox

In defining progress, we need to recognise that human beings are social: we gain our sense of who we are and how we feel through the quality of our connections with other people. Our connections cover both emotional and physical relationships. These links create the complex patterns that are our societies and communities. **To read more from Eva click [here](#)**

Richard Eckersley

In a 2009 ANU Poll, 70 per cent of Australians said they were satisfied with 'the way the country is heading', but only 24 per cent thought quality of life in Australia was getting better. The first question, asked in each poll, is essentially political (at the time, the Federal Government's stocks were high). **To read more from Richard click [here](#)**

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